



State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners
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REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2006

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Della Estrada, L.Ac., Chairman
Joe Balensi, L.Ac., Secretary
Toni Karnas, Public Member
Yong Deng, L.Ac., Professional Member
Michael J. Robb, D.C., Professional Member
Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H), Professional Member
Diane Pruetz, Public Member (by telephone at 1:13 p.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Vacancy, Public Member
Vacancy, Professional Member

Attorney General Representative:

Keely Verstegen

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

I. Call to Order

Chairman Estrada called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

II. Board Meeting Minutes – Review, Discussion, and Action

Board Member Deng moved the adoption of the November 20, 2006 Regular Board (Teleconference) Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Member Wilks. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.

III. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action

Complaint #2006-003 re: Body Wise Natural Health Clinic

Executive Director Gonzalez briefed the Board regarding this complaint and reviewed the information gathered by interview.

Board Member Wilks moved to dismiss this complaint and Board Member Estrada provided a second. The Board voted 7-0 to dismiss this complaint.

Complaint #2006-004 re: Reginald Stout, L.Ac. #0138

The Board heard from the complainant, via telephone, who has filed a complaint against Reginald Stout and he made himself available to questions from the Board.

Licensee Reginald Stout addressed the Board and was asked a number of questions by board members.

Board Member Robb would like to gain additional information on this matter for an informal hearing and made a motion to do so. Board Member Balensi provided a second. The Board approved the motion with a 5-1 vote with Chairman Estrada abstaining.

IV. Consideration of Applicants for Licensure – Review, Discussion and Action

Board Member Balensi moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed (A-G) below with Board Member Deng providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 6-0 vote.

- A. Cheri Brown
- B. James E. Martin
- C. Tanya C. Christensen
- D. Loisanne Keller
- E. Amy E. Ringdahl
- F. Hsiao Hsien Chu
- G. Roger L. Fenneman

V. Consideration of Applicants for Auricular Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

Board Member Balensi moved for the approval of the applicants for auricular certification listed (A-B) below with Board Member Wilks providing a second. The Board approved the motion by a 6-0 vote.

- A. Nancy K. Scholtz
- B. Cindy J. Diaz

VI. Consideration of Other Applications – Review, Discussion and Action

Continuing Education:

The Board was provided an explanation of the materials included for review by the Executive Director before the Board considered the applications. The approval checklist was discussed and reviewed.

Board Member Pruetz joined the meeting at 1:13 p.m. by telephone.

Board Member Deng moved for the approval of Continuing Education Applicant listed (A) below with Board Member Estrada providing a second. The Board approved the motion by a 7-0 vote.

- A. “PNE Balancing” provided by East-West Seminars for 20 continuing education units on January 19-21, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Phoenix Airport.

Board Member Estrada moved for the approval of Continuing Education Applicant listed (B) below with Board Member Deng providing a second. The Board approved the motion by a 7-0 vote.

- B. “Advanced TCM Training for Treatment of Chronic Diseases” provided by Honso, USA, Inc. for 16 continuing education units on February 10 & 11, 2007 in Phoenix.

VII. Professional Business—Review, Discussion and Action

- A. Correspondence from the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) regarding testing program.

Executive Director Gonzalez reviewed the correspondence as an information item.

- B. Review of Draft Rule Changes

The Board was provided an overview of rules by Jeanne Hann, rules consultant, and the Board reviewed the suggested rule changes.

- C. Discussion regarding Continuing Education Requirements

The Executive Director presented information on a request for board consideration of continuing education credits earned while attending a nursing program. The Board discussed the matter and determined that further study is needed before any changes are made to the existing continuing education requirements.

- D. *Chinese Medical Textbook Piracy*

Board Member Balensi introduced the issue of textbook piracy and requested the Board schedule this item at a future meeting.

VIII. Executive Director Report

- Status report on license/certification data

Executive Director Gonzalez shared a document that outlines data on Board license and certificate approvals for the past few years. This document was presented as an information item.

- Report on website

The Executive Director updated the Board on changes to the Board web site and information on activities associated with providing information to licensees and the general public.

IX. Future Agenda Items -- Review, Discussion and Action

X. Future Meeting Dates – Review, Discussion and Action

January 24, 2007

XI. Call to the Public

A speaker form was submitted by Patricia Martin. Ms. Martin indicated she is the new representative from the Arizona Society of Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture and will be attending Board meetings in the future.

XII. Adjournment

Board Member Balensi moved for adjournment and Board Member Deng provided a second. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0. The Board adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: January 24, 2007